

100 What is claimed is:

1. A device for illuminating oral cavity comprising:

(a) a bite block comprised of a flexible biocompatible sterilizable molded material;

(b) a battery means fully encapsulated within said molded material;

105 (c) a pressure-sensing switch fully encapsulated within said molded material;

(d) a light emitting means partially encapsulated within said molded material and having a partially exposed portion;

wherein the pressure-sensing switch is placed in an "on" position when pressure is applied to the bite block by teeth of a patient biting on the bite block;

110 wherein the pressure-sensing switch remains in an "off" position when pressure is not applied to the bite block;

wherein the pressure-sensing switch is electrically coupled with the battery means and light emitting means such that when the pressure-sensing switch is placed in the "on" position, the light emitting means is energized causing illumination of
115 patient's oral cavity.

2. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 1, wherein the battery means is a DC battery.

3. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 2, wherein the light emitting means is a LED light.

120 4. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 3, wherein the bite block is further sterilized and placed into a sealed sterile package.

5. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 1 further comprising a lens disposed on the partially exposed portion of the light emitting means.

6. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 5, wherein the battery means is a
125 DC battery.

7. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 6, wherein the light emitting means is a LED light.

8. A device for illuminating oral cavity as in claim 7, wherein the bite block is further sterilized and placed into a sealed sterile package.

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